

Child Fatality and Near Fatality External Review Panel
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Case Number	Categorization	Family Characteristics	Family Characteristics Comments	Panel Determination	Other Qualifiers
F-003-21-C	Neglect; Drowning/near-drowning	DCBS history; Financial issues; Mental health issues (caregiver); Other; Substance abuse (in home); Supervisional neglect; Unsafe access to deadly means	Mother was laid off due to COVID restrictions	Supervisory neglect; Neglect due to unsafe access to deadly/potentially deadly means	Potentially preventable; Apparently accidental
F-012-21-C	Neglect; SUDI/near-SUDI/apparent life-threatening event	DCBS history; Impaired caregiver; Other; Substance abuse (in home); Substance abuse by caregiver (current); Unsafe sleep (bed sharing); Statutory Issues; Law enforcement issues	at the time of the death, the older children were attending school virtually due to COVID restrictions	Neglect (unsafe sleep); Neglect (impaired caregiver)	Apparently accidental; Potentially preventable
F-013-21-C	Neglect; Drowning/near-drowning	Criminal history (caregiver); Criminal history (in the home); DCBS history; DCBS issues; Domestic Violence; Financial issues; Lack of treatment (mental health or substance abuse); Mental health issues (caregiver); Other; Perinatal depression (caregiver); Substance abuse (in home); Substance abuse by caregiver (current); Supervisional neglect; Coroner issues; Law enforcement issues	COVID restrictions in place, virtual FTM	Supervisory neglect	Apparently accidental; Potentially preventable

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F-019-21-C	Neglect; SUDI/near-SUDI/apparent life-threatening event	Criminal history (caregiver); Criminal history (in the home); DCBS history; Financial issues; Substitute caregiver at time of event ; Unsafe sleep (bed sharing); Coroner issues		Neglect (unsafe sleep)	Apparently accidental; Potentially preventable
F-020-21-NC	Gunshot (homicide); Physical abuse	Impaired caregiver; Lack of treatment (mental health or substance abuse); Mental health issues (caregiver); Other; Substance abuse (in home); Substance abuse by caregiver (current)	incident occurred during COVID restrictions – virtual school	Physical abuse	Potentially preventable
F-027-21-C	Natural causes/medical diagnosis; Neglect	DCBS history; DCBS issues; Education/child care issues; Financial issues; Medical issues/management; Medical neglect; Other	COVID restrictions resulting in necessity for virtual contacts	Neglect (medical)	Potentially preventable
F-029-21-C	Blunt force trauma - not inflicted MVC	Criminal history (caregiver); Criminal history (in the home); DCBS history; DCBS issues; Impaired caregiver; Inadequate restraint; Law enforcement issues; Medical issues/management; Mental health issues (caregiver); Neglectful entrustment; Other; Substance abuse by caregiver (current)	COVID restrictions limited in-person assessments	Neglect (impaired caregiver); Neglect (inadequate/absent child restraint in motor vehicle)	Apparently accidental; Potentially preventable

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F-037-21-C	Undetermined (cause of death or near-death	Other	Consumer product	No abuse or neglect	Apparently accidental; Manner undetermined/foul
F-039-21-C	Neglect; SUDI/near- SUDI/apparent life-threatening event; Burn	DCBS history; DCBS issues; Financial issues; Unsafe sleep (bed sharing); Language/cultural issues; Medically fragile child; Other	COVID restrictions during investigation	Neglect (unsafe sleep)	Apparently accidental; Potentially preventable
F-046-21-C	Neglect; SUDI/near- SUDI/apparent life-threatening event; Traumatic asphyxia	Criminal history (caregiver); DCBS history; Criminal history (in the home); Environmental neglect; Financial issues; Housing instability; Impaired caregiver; Lack of family support system ; Lack of treatment (mental health or substance abuse); Mental health issues (caregiver); Substance abuse (in home); Substance abuse by caregiver (current); Unsafe sleep (bed sharing); Bystander issues/opportunities		Neglect (general - can include leaving child with unsafe caregiver); Neglect (impaired caregiver); Neglect (unsafe sleep)	Apparently accidental; Potentially preventable

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F-050-21-C	Neglect; SUDI/near-SUDI/apparent life-threatening event	DCBS issues; Judicial process issues; Medical issues/management; Cognitive disability (caregiver); Criminal history (caregiver); Criminal history (in the home); DCBS history; Financial issues; Housing instability; Impaired caregiver; Lack of treatment (mental health or substance abuse); Mental health issues (caregiver); Substance abuse (in home); Substance abuse by caregiver (current); Unsafe sleep (bed sharing); Other; Coroner issues	COVID restrictions in place, contact made during the April 2021 were virtual.	Neglect (unsafe sleep); Neglect (impaired caregiver)	Apparently accidental; Potentially preventable
F-060-21-C	Neglect; Failure to thrive/malnutrition	Cognitive disability (child); Commonwealth/County Attorneys; Coroner issues; DCBS history; DCBS issues; Financial issues; Judicial process issues; Lack of regular child care; Medical neglect; Medically fragile child; Other; Statutory Issues; Failure to thrive; In-Home Service Provider Issues; Medical issues/management; Overwhelmed Caregiver	Transportation, latter part of case work provided during COVID 19 restrictions. Training issue – Death scenes should be considered crime scenes until determined otherwise. In this case this assumption was not made by the coroner or law enforcement.	Neglect (medical); Neglect (general - can include leaving child with unsafe caregiver); Other	Manner undetermined/foul play not ruled out

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NF-001-21-NC	Physical abuse	Domestic Violence; Evidence of poor bonding; Medical issues/management; Other; Overwhelmed Caregiver	Incident occurred during COVID restrictions, court hearings held virtually	Physical abuse	
NF-002-21-C	Drowning/near-drowning; Neglect	Criminal history (caregiver); Criminal history (in the home); Financial issues; Lack of regular child care; Other; Statutory Issues; Substance abuse (in home); Substance abuse by caregiver (current); Substitute caregiver at time of event ; Supervisional neglect; Unsafe access to deadly means	COVID restrictions in place – limited child care options	Supervisory neglect; Neglect due to unsafe access to deadly/potentially deadly means	Apparently accidental; Potentially preventable
NF-003-21-C	Blunt force trauma - not inflicted (farm machinery, ATV,	DCBS history; Language/cultural issues		No abuse or neglect	Apparently accidental; Potentially preventable

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NF-004-21-C	Natural causes/medical diagnosis; Neglect	Bystander issues/opportunities; DCBS history; DCBS issues; Domestic Violence; Lack of family support system ; Lack of regular child care; Medical issues/management; Medical neglect; Medically fragile child; Mental health issues (child); Other; Out of State CPS History; Substance abuse (in home); Substance abuse by caregiver (current); Supervisional neglect	COVID restrictions impacted interactions	Neglect (general - can include leaving child with unsafe caregiver); Neglect (medical); Supervisory neglect	Potentially preventable
NF-009-21-NC	Gunshot (accidental); Neglect	Financial issues; Supervisional neglect; Unsafe access to deadly means; Environmental neglect		include leaving child with unsafe caregiver); Supervisory neglect; Neglect due to unsafe access to	Apparently accidental; Potentially preventable

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		Bystander issues/opportunities; Cognitive disability (caregiver); Criminal history (caregiver); Criminal history (in the home); DCBS history; Domestic Violence; Evidence of poor bonding; Family violence; Financial issues; MAT involvement; Mental health issues (caregiver);			
NF-011-21-C	Abusive head trauma; Physical abuse	Neglectful entrustment; Other	COVID restrictions impacted investigation	Abusive head trauma; Physical abuse; Torture	Potentially preventable
		DCBS history; DCBS issues; Domestic Violence; Education/child care issues; Lack of family support system ; Lack of regular child care; Lack of treatment (mental health or substance abuse); Medical issues/management; Medical neglect; Medically fragile child; Mental health issues (caregiver); Mental health issues (child); Out of State CPS History; Substance abuse (in home); Substance abuse by caregiver (current);			
NF-019-21-C	Neglect	Supervisional neglect		Neglect (medical); Supervisory neglect	Potentially preventable

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NF-041-21-NC	Gunshot (homicide); Physical abuse	Impaired caregiver; Lack of treatment (mental health or substance abuse); Mental health issues (caregiver); Mental health issues (child); Other; Substance abuse (in home); Substance abuse by caregiver (current)	incident occurred during COVID restrictions – virtual school	Physical abuse	Potentially preventable
NF-103-21-C	Neglect; Overdose/ingestion; Suicide (child)	DCBS history; Environmental neglect; Mental health issues (child); Supervisional neglect; Unsafe access to deadly means; Other	Incident occurred when COVID Protocol was in place, resulting in virtual visits.	Neglect (general - can include leaving child with unsafe caregiver); Neglect due to unsafe access to deadly/potentially	Potentially preventable
NF-106-21-C	Gunshot (accidental); Neglect	Criminal history (caregiver); Criminal history (in the home); Education/child care issues; Environmental neglect; Financial issues; Lack of treatment (mental health or substance abuse); Mental health issues (caregiver); Other; Substance abuse by caregiver (current); Substance abuse (in home); Statutory Issues; Unsafe access to deadly means	the children reported being enrolled in virtual learning related to COVID restrictions and displayed poor compliance -	Neglect (general - can include leaving child with unsafe caregiver); Neglect due to unsafe access to deadly/potentially deadly means	Apparently accidental; Potentially preventable

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NF-114-21-C	Suicide (child); Overdose/ingestion	Domestic Violence; Financial issues; Lack of treatment (mental health or substance abuse); Mental health issues (caregiver); Mental health issues (child); Other	child was attending virtual school due to COVID restrictions which was reported to be difficult	No abuse or neglect	Potentially preventable
NF-139-21-C	Neglect	Cognitive disability (caregiver); Criminal history (caregiver); Criminal history (in the home); DCBS history; DCBS issues; Environmental neglect; Evidence of poor bonding; Financial issues; Impaired caregiver; Lack of treatment (mental health or substance abuse); Substance abuse (in home); Substance abuse by caregiver (current); Medical issues/management; MAT involvement; Statutory Issues		Neglect (general - can include leaving child with unsafe caregiver); Neglect (impaired caregiver)	Potentially preventable